

PRESENT:

Commissioner Kathy Carter
Commissioner Lynn Bowers
Commissioner Rodney S. Williams
Commissioner J. W. Bryan
Mayor William I. May, Jr.

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ABSENT:

NONE

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Following roll call, Mayor May called on Peg Dickson, Executive Director of the Thorn Hill Learning Center (THLC), to report on THLC activities. Ms. Dickson thanked the Commission for their support of Thorn Hill. She reported enrollment has doubled over the past five years, yet funding has remained level. The funding support provided by the City is making a difference for at-risk youth. Last year 102 youth were served. She also stated they provide workplace programs on site for local businesses. She introduced Matt Weaver, a student who received his GED from THLC. Mr. Weaver reported on his progress as a result of attending THLC, and is looking forward to attending college. In response to questions, Ms. Dickson stated special classes could be developed for the city for a development fee.

Mayor May introduced John Antenucci, CEO of PlanGraphics. Mr. Antenucci and Ms. Annie Metcalf presented a proposal for IT Vision and Strategic Plan for Frankfort. PlanGraphics, founded in 1979, is involved in “E-Government” development, developing web-based solutions for state and local governments. The proposal consisted of a series of tasks that would result in an Information Technology Strategic Plan for Frankfort City Government. This plan would include not only IT matters, but staffing and training as well. Following discussion, it was agreed to include the PlanGraphics contract on the December 15 agenda.

Discussion of Tentative Agenda for Regular Meeting

Agenda items discussed for the December 15 meeting were Consent Items 6.1, Agreement with Farmdale Sanitation District; Item 6.3, Restroom construction and renovation at City parks; Item 6.5, Versailles Properties sewer connection; and 6.7, Codell Construction contract revisions.

Department Reports/Project Status Updates

Public Works Director, Jeff Hackbart reported that bids on the East Main Outlet Tunnel Project would be opened at 2:00 p.m. on December 15. Mayor May commended the Street Department on the recent snow removal. Police Chief Wilhoite reported Sergeant Ken Hopkins returned to active duty; the mobile data terminals are being placed in use; the 8-week Citizens’ Police Academy would begin January 6, 2006; and Officer Travis Curtsinger recently received the Governor’s Enforcement Award for the most arrests of impaired drivers.

In response to a question from Commissioner Williams, Sewer Director Bill Scalf stated the US 421 widening project construction start is expected to begin in March 2007, and he hoped to have the City infrastructure identified by that time. A January contract award to GRW Engineers is scheduled for this activity. Discussion followed concerning capital projects along the US 421 corridor that could be completed during the road project, and the possibilities of a Consent Decree from the Kentucky Division of Water regarding SSOs and CSOs.

Commissioner Williams raised several questions regarding the most recently issued Financial Statements from the Finance Department. City Manager Tony Massey said he would get answers from the Finance staff.

City Solicitor Rob Moore reported corrections to the Frankfort Code of Ordinances would be complete and to American Legal Publishing before the end of the week.

(Mayor May leaves 6:30 p.m. Mayor Pro Tem Carter assumes the Chair).

Citizen Comments

Jim Looney stated that he tutors at Thorn Hill Learning Center. He complimented Peg Dickson on the great work she does at THLC.

Diana Looney commended the City on the leaf pickup program this year. She advocated more promotion of the program by the City. Following discussion, City Manager reported the possibilities of using Cable 10 to educate the public on this and other programs. Ms. Looney asked the status of the City’s Vision Statement. City Manager reported the follow up Strategic Planning session had not taken place.

Commissioner Comments

Commissioner Bowers noted the Special Meeting scheduled for December 15 had been advertised to begin at 6:30 p.m. She commented she would be willing to meet at that time if others agreed.

Mayor Pro Tem Carter stated a constituent contacted her regarding an ordinance pertaining to dangerous pets, specifically pit bull dogs. Without objection, City Solicitor was directed to research this issue for report at the January 2006 Work Session.

Mayor Pro Tem Carter raised the issue of using imminent domain as part of the code enforcement process. A discussion followed on imminent domain and demolition issues as related to code enforcement. Without objection, Mayor Pro Tem Carter directed Planning Director Gary Muller to report back at the January Work Session on outdoor merchandise.

Mayor Pro Tem Carter noted she is in favor of requiring property owners to appear in front of the Code Enforcement Board if they have received three violations. She stated she would bring the issue up at the January 2006 Work Session.

Mayor Pro Tem Carter requested that City Manager Tony Massey and Public Works Director Jeff Hackbart work to see if a dumpster could be placed downtown for trash collection on weekends.

Mayor Pro Tem Carter requested that City Clerk bold directives in minutes.

The meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m. on a motion by Commissioner Bowers.

ATTEST

City Clerk

Mayor